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Acting Director Appel:

I oppose the changes to the "Part 83 Process" for federal recognition of Indian Tribes.

- It is an attempt to overrule the negative decisions of the Indian Court of Appeals.
- It is a transparent attempt to create more and more tribes for the purpose of distributing borrowed money taxpayers will have to pay back in the future.
- It steals long-standing sovereignty from the states over their land and citizens.

The existing rules are not difficult to comply with if a tribe truly existed as a political entity. The difficulty comes when attempts are made to transform race and ethnicity into political identification.

Existing tribes would already have documentation of their political activity in their own government offices and at the BIA. Accepting welfare from U.S. or state taxpayers is not evidence of a sovereign political entity. The whole purpose of finding tribes in order to transfer taxpayers' money to them negates their existence as sovereigns. They are dependents, not self-supporting sovereigns. State recognition, for welfare purposes as in Connecticut, is especially not evidence of sovereignty of a group.

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